



Literally Speaking



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Literacy Luncheon

by Judi Treble, Adult Learner



María Amparo Escandón, Carol Hazelwood and Sonia Nazario

I am a student at the Adult Literacy Program. My tutor Sandy Beckman asked me if I would like to go with her to the **Literacy Luncheon** fundraiser at the Radisson Hotel in Newport Beach on April 30, 2010. Of course I wanted to go and share this special occasion with her. When I arrived at the luncheon I found the room was decorated with festive balloons and gift baskets for sale. The fun part of the fundraising effort

were the balloons were filled with a piece of paper with a gift written on it. You could purchase a balloon and the gift was worth more then the price of the balloon.

The speakers were **Sonia Nazario** and **María Amparo Escandón**. Sonia's book *Enrique's Journey* was about her experience riding on top of a train from Guatemala to the United States with illegal immigrant children trying to find their mothers who had left them



Guests look over the selection of silent auction items.

at home while finding work in the United States.

Maria's book was *González and Daughter Trucking Co.* The story was about a child who grew up riding with her father in his eighteen wheeler truck from the time she was a tiny baby until she was in her early twenty's. The speakers were interesting and easy to listen to. They spoke very well and were passionate about their causes. The lunch was



Nancy Thompson, Carol Hazelwood, Mayor Keith Curry, City Council Member Nancy Gardner

delicious and the company had only one thing in mind, the importance of literacy for adults.

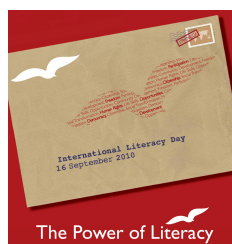
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Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to put together our annual luncheon. All of your efforts paid off and the event was a success. Without you, we couldn't have pulled it off!

SAVE THE DATE !

International Literacy Day
Thursday, September 16, 2010

International Literacy Day (ILD) is a time to celebrate and honor the hard work of learners, tutors, and volunteers who all contribute toward improving literacy in our community.



One of the highlights of our *ILD* celebration is the **Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award**, which acknowledges the accomplishments of one learner. Tutors, please do not forget to turn in your *Hoffman Award* nominations by July 30.

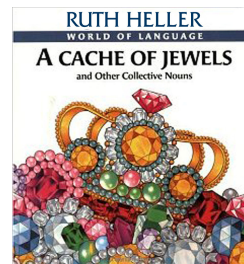
**We wish to thank the
Wells Fargo Foundation for its generous
support of Newport Beach Public Library
Literacy Services.**

Book Review

Author and illustrator, **Ruth Heller**, has published a wonderful 8-part series of books on the parts of speech.

Although written for children, each book uses humor, poetry and vivid illustrations to convey the nuances of the language. They are a useful tool for navigating English grammar.

All 8 books are available through the *Newport Beach Public Library*, as are the other series' she has written on plants and animals.



"By constant self-discipline and self-control you can develop greatness of character."
~ Grenville Kleiser ~

Learner Network

On May 19, Literacy Services held its quarterly **Learner Network**. These meetings provide learners an opportunity to become more comfortable with each other and they offer a secure environment to ask questions and give input to the literacy program. At this session, adult learner Lica Toda performed and discussed a traditional Chinese tea ceremony.

The tea ceremony is an elegant and peaceful ritual that dates back almost four thousand years. After the Cultural Revolution, such practices were banned in China. However, approximately 20 years ago — after the death of Deng Xiaoping — teaching of the ceremony began to revive throughout the country. Each region has its own unique style; the one demonstrated by Lica was from the southern region of Guangzhou (formerly Canton).

All of the learners in attendance enjoyed participating in this unique event, sampling the tea and learning more about another culture.

Afsaneh Taheri Pak, Learner Liaison to the Literacy Board, has asked all learners to share something special from their culture at upcoming sessions.

Cherall Weiss, program coordinator, also facilitated a goal setting exercise for the group. She emphasized how important goals are for the success of the learner and the literacy program. Goal setting is a crucial component of the tutor-learner relationship, providing a means to measure success and plan sessions.

Roles and Goals forms must be submitted to the *State Library Literacy Services* twice a year. The next forms are due in July, so tutors, keep an eye on your mailbox for new forms.



Welcome To Our New Literacy Assistant

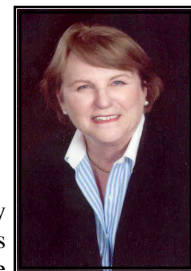
After over 2 years with Literacy Services, Sarah Bailey relocated to new surroundings. During the interim after her departure, several volunteers stepped in to fill her shoes.

However, on April 19, Francine Jacome joined our program as the permanent Literacy Assistant. She has enjoyed meeting several of the adult learners and tutors and looks forward to a great new future with Newport Beach Public Library Literacy Services.

Be sure to stop by and say hello!

President's Message

Create Your Own Summer Adventure(s)!



For many, summer officially begins shortly after the Memorial Day Weekend. Students (young and old) are counting the days until the last day of school and many are planning for fun filled days ahead. Others have already scheduled jobs, will be busy looking for jobs, or are parents with no let-up to hectic work schedules, the memories of unscheduled days long since past.

However, this summer I would like to challenge you to put some adventure on your calendar, no matter what your circumstances. In the last newsletter I urged you to read 'outside the box' and open the window to new experiences and cultures. This time I would like to create a sense of adventure by scheduling some fun things to do as a family, with friends or just by yourself. It doesn't have to be far away, and it doesn't have to be expensive, just something that will be new for you, or your family.

Last year we heard the word 'staycation' for the first time, as many were forced to spend their vacation close to home due to the economy, additional work challenges, etc. This year why not plan several mini 'staycations' and experience something new and different while getting reenergized with a change in routine.

If you attended the **Literacy Luncheon** you discovered two free tickets to the *Museum Latin American Art* in your goodie bag. Perhaps you would never have thought to visit the museum, but consider it now. Long Beach is just a few miles up the freeway. If you don't have tickets, we have some extra tickets in the Literacy Office.

Closer to home is the *Bowers Museum* and the stunning **Secrets of the Silk Road** exhibit. It is an amazing exhibit and runs through July 25. **Quilts: Two Centuries of American Tradition and Technique** will be opening July 3, and I can't wait. Remember that Sunday, August 1, is **Target First Free Sunday**. Nearby are the *Bowers Children's Museum* and the *Discovery Museum* as well.

Why not pack a simple picnic — sandwiches work just fine — and find a cool spot where you can relax as a family, or with friends? Better yet, take that picnic to *Bonita Canyon Sports Park* for a free performance of **Shakespeare in the Park**. Check the Summer Edition of the Newport Parks & Recreation *Newport Navigator* for time and date. The catalog also offers some wonderful classes. Perhaps learning to surf has been something that you always wanted to do. Now that would be a really great adventure!

Don't let the joys of summer pass you by. Plan now and have a terrific time!

Nancy Thompson

Tutors: Thank you for turning in your monthly report by the 3rd of each month!

New Tutors

We would like to welcome in our new graduating class of Tutor Training students. Your time and effort is truly appreciated!

Bob Burnham
Sally Chapman
Carolyn Cosgrove
Denny Denkensohn
Bill Gray
Patty Grothus

Lindsay Hinmon
Pat Kenna
Lois Lewis
Barbara Smith
Yungwha Son
Lynda Zussman



See & Do

Designed by artist **Isamu Noguchi**, *California Scenario* is a sculpture garden that portrays the diversity of the state's landscapes, from redwood forests to the desert. The 1 1/2-acre work manages to evoke nature in a most unlikely place.

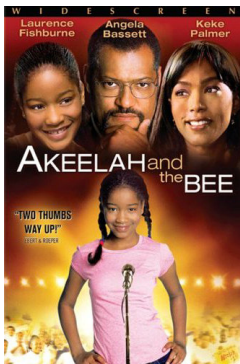
Considered the 20th century's most important Japanese American artist, Noguchi was born in 1904 in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Boyle Heights; his father was a Japanese poet and his mother was an American writer.

The sculpture garden is located near South Coast Plaza, at 611 Anton Blvd., Costa Mesa (behind the Comerica Building).

Excerpt from *Sunset Magazine*, by Matthew Jaffe



Movie Talk



Literacy Services successfully launched a new class, **Movie Talk**, on May 12, with the screening of "*Akeelah and the Bee*".

There was a great turnout and a lively discussion followed. The feedback from those in attendance was positive, ensuring a continued run of this new series. See calendar for dates.

In Our Own Words

Don't forget our annual publication of learner writings will be published in September. Please get stories, poems, essays, etc. in by July 30, to be sure your entry is included.

Learner Accomplishments

- Voted in first Primary Election
- Passed GED
- Took TOEFL
- Passed CDL

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Literally Speaking, the newsletter of Literacy Services at the Newport Beach Public Library, is published quarterly and sponsored by corporate and private donations.

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Donations are always welcome

We are grateful for the community support that we receive from local companies, foundations, and organizations, and individuals whose donations have been helping the program continue to serve the literacy needs of our community.

If you have any contacts who might be interested in supporting Literacy Services, please contact the office.

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Upcoming Literacy Dates/Events

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| June 14, 21, 28 | Mondays, 10:30 am | Adult Learner Book Club |
| June 15, 22, 29 | Tuesdays, 10:15 am | Adult Learner Discussion Class |
| June 17, 24 | Thursdays, 10:30 am | Adult Learner Life Skills Dialogs |
| June 24 | Thursdays, 6:30 pm | Adult Learner Conversation Class |
| June 21 | Mondays, 6:30 pm | Adult Learner small talk, BIG TALK class |
| June 16 | Wednesday, 10:00 am | Tutor Connection |
| June 18 | Friday, 3:30 pm | Families For Literacy Program |
| June 23, 30 | Wednesday, 6:00 pm | Intermediate Writing Class |
| July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Thursdays, 10:30 am | Adult Learner Life Skills Dialogs |
| July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Thursdays, 6:30 pm | Adult Learner Conversation Class |
| July 5, 12, 19, 26 | Mondays, 10:30 am | Adult Learner Book Club |
| July 5, 18 | Mondays, 6:30 pm | Adult Learner small talk, BIG TALK class |
| July 6, 13, 20 27 | Tuesdays, 10:15 am | Adult Learner Discussion Class |
| July 7 | Wednesday, 10:00 am | Movie Talk |
| July 7, 14, 21, 28 | Wednesday, 6:00 pm | Intermediate Writing Class |
| July 21 | Wednesday, 6:00 pm | New Learner Orientation |
| July 28 | Wednesday, 6:00 pm | Tutor Orientation |
| July 30 | Friday, 3:00 pm | Deadline for Hoffman Award nominations |
| July 30 | Friday, 3:00pm | Deadline for In Our Words submissions |
| August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Mondays, 10:30 am | Adult Learner Book Club |
| August 1, 15 | Mondays, 6:30 pm | Adult Learner small talk, BIG TALK class |
| August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | Tuesdays, 10:15 am | Adult Learner Discussion Class |
| August 4 | Wednesday, 10:00 am | Movie Talk |
| August 5, 12, 19, 26 | Thursdays, 10:30 am | Adult Learner Life Skills Dialogs |
| August 5, 12, 19, 26 | Thursdays, 6:30 pm | Adult Learner Conversation Class |
| August 11, 18 | Wednesdays, 9:00 am | Tutor Training |

Note: All programs are held at the Central Library unless otherwise posted and subject to change.
 For more details, contact the literacy office at (949) 717-3874 or email us at literacy@newportbeachca.gov